

March 24, 1939.

Prof. W. R. Valentine,
Manual Training School,
Bordentown, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Fred R. Clark of the New Jersey Guardian has suggested that I write you and ask if it would be possible to have your School Band play for the opening of the Negro National League Baseball season at Ruppert Stadium Sunday, May 7th.

The Eagles have played in Newark now for three years, and have endeavored each year to locate a Band of which we could be proud, and which would do justice to the occasion. There does not seem to be any commercial group any where in the State, I know your Band is not for hire in that way, but I do believe that every one concerned would enjoy having them and the general public should derive a lot of satisfaction from seeing this group.

I would appreciate it if you would let me know just how many members there are in the Band, and what their ages are.

Will appreciate very much hearing from you right away, as our opening day is drawing near and we must complete arrangements.

Yours very truly,

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